

Welcome to 8.30am service  
at St Mark's

Pentecost  
Sunday



I WILL POUR OUT  
MY  
*Spirit*  
ON ALL  
PEOPLE  
ACTS 2:17

# *Sermon*

Acts 2: 1-21

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16 And I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you another **advocate** to help you  
and be with you forever.

...

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you all things  
and will remind you of everything  
I have said to you.



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Genesis 2:4-25 (NIV)

7 Then the Lord God  
formed a man from the dust of the ground and  
breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**,  
and the man became a living being.

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**Exodus 3:1-22 (NIV)**

**2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him  
in flames of fire from within a bush.**

**Moses saw that though the bush was on fire  
it did not burn up.**

**4 When the Lord saw  
that he had gone over to look,  
God called to him from within the bush,  
“Moses! Moses!”.**



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Exodus 13:17-22 (NIV)

21 By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.

22 Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.



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4 **All of them** were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



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**Genesis 11:1-9 (NIV)**

**9 That is why it was called Babel—  
because there the Lord confused the language  
of the whole world.**

**From there the Lord scattered them  
over the face of the whole earth.**



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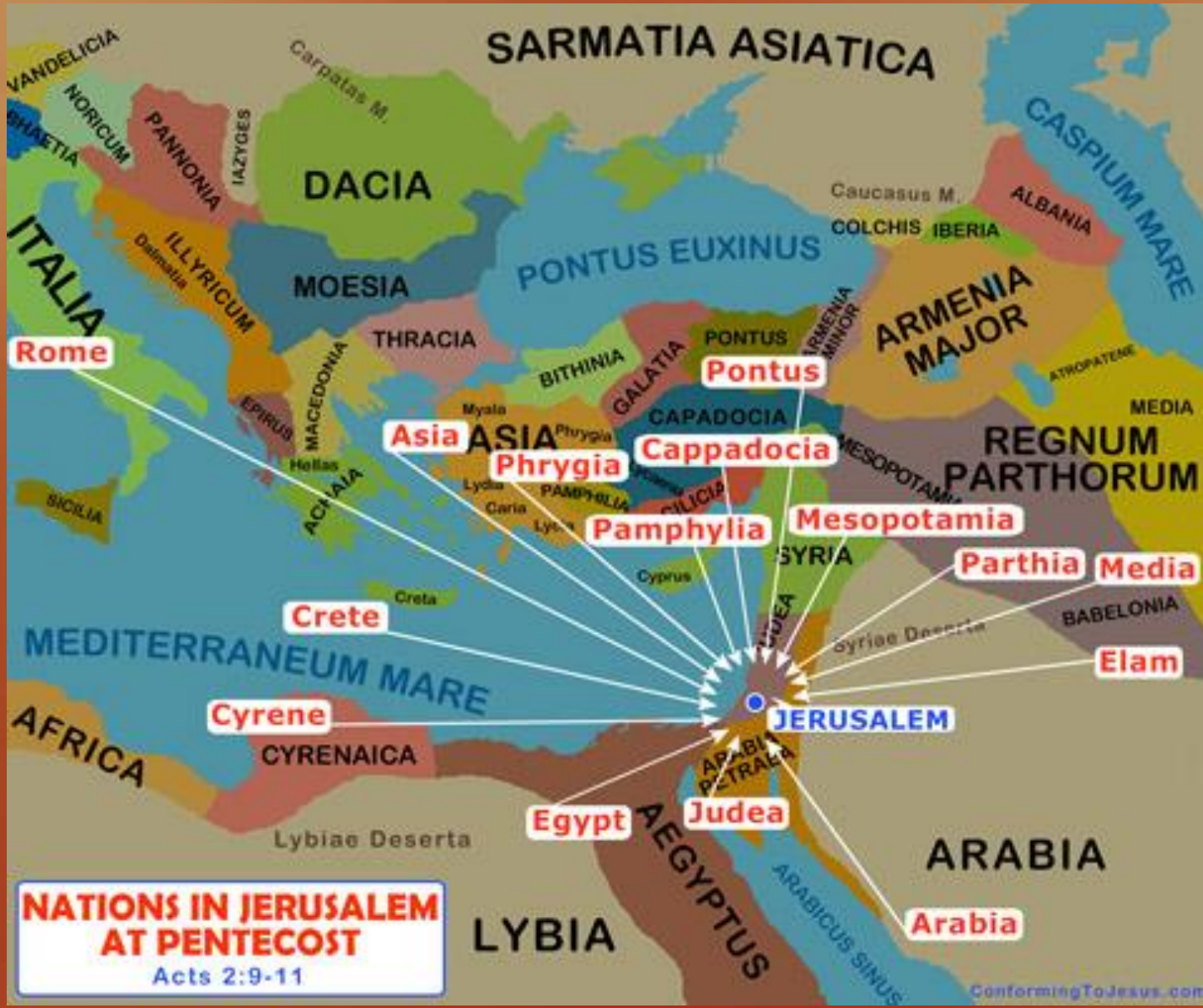
5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem

**God-fearing Jews**

from **every nation** under heaven.



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Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

Luth: *“When God wanted*

*to spread the gospel throughout the world*

*by means of the apostles*

*he gave the tongues for that purpose [Acts 2:1–11].*

*Even before that, by means of the Roman Empire*

*he had spread the Latin and Greek languages*

*widely in every land in order that*

*his gospel might the more speedily bear fruit*

*far and wide.”*

(AE 45:359)



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Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

6 When they heard this sound,  
a crowd came together in bewilderment,  
because each one heard  
their **own language** being spoken.

7 Utterly amazed, they asked:

“Aren’t all these who are speaking **Galileans**?

8 Then how is it that each of us hears them  
in our native language?

... we hear them declaring the **wonders of God**  
in our own tongues!”



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12 **Amazed** and **perplexed**,  
they asked one another,  
“What does this mean?”

13 Some, however,  
made fun of them and said,  
“They have had **too much wine.**”



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Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

Cyril of Jerusalem: *“In truth the wine was new,  
even the grace of the New Testament;  
but this new wine was from a spiritual Vine,  
which had oftentimes [before] this  
borne fruit in Prophets,  
and had budded in the New Testament.”*

(NPNF2 7:128)



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14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,  
raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

“Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem,  
... not drunk ... It’s only **nine in the morning!**

16 No, this is what was spoken  
by the prophet Joel:



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Your **sons** and **daughters** will prophesy,  
your **young men** will see visions,  
your **old men** will dream dreams.

18 Even on my **servants**,  
both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

...

21 And **everyone** who calls  
on the name of the Lord **will be saved.**’



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**Acts 2:14-41 (NIV)**

**41 Those who accepted his message  
were baptized,  
and about three thousand  
were added to their number that day.**



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What language(s) do you speak?

Every language you speak is a gift from God,  
given for his purposes.



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**Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)**

**This is a church on fire  
This is the Holy Spirit's flame  
We have a burning desire  
To lift up Jesus' name  
Let the fire burn in every heart  
To light the way defeat the dark  
Let the flame of love burn higher  
This is a church on fire**

**Church On Fire**

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